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**DIRECTOR WALL NAMES NEW  
MEDICAL PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

**CRANSTON, R.I. – MARCH 28, 2005** – A.T. Wall, II, director of the Department of Corrections announced today the appointment of Dr. Michael Poshkus to Medical Program Director.

Since September 2004 he has served as the department's acting medical program director. His appointment is effective April 4, 2005.

Dr. Poshkus came to the department in 2003 and primarily practiced at the Intake Service Center. Prior to joining the department, he worked as an infectious disease fellow at Miriam Hospital. While there, his community clinic work was at the ACI.

A native of Massachusetts, Dr. Poshkus earned his Bachelor of Arts from Harvard, his medical degree from Columbia University and completed his medical residency through Brown University. He is a clinical instructor of Medicine affiliated with Brown University and is board certified in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases.

“During his tenure as acting medical program director, Dr. Poshkus developed relationships across the department with administration and custody staff alike and performed admirably in every respect,” stated Director Wall. “He will be directing a great medical team here and I am confident that the dedication that we have all come to know will remain the same in his new position.”

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